

PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2831**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Kenji SAMOTO

Group Art Unit: 2831

Application No.: 10/669,687

Examiner: J. LEE

Filed: September 25, 2003

Docket No.: 117213

For: FLEXIBLE CABLE HARNESS AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the August 28, 2006 Office Action, the period for reply extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-15, 19 and 20 are pending.

Restriction was asserted and claims 1-8, 19 and 20 were elected. Contrary to the Office Action, Applicant is not required to cancel non-elected claims 9-15. Claims 1 and 2 remain generic to claims 9-15. Accordingly, when claims 1 and 2 are allowed, claims 9-15 would also be allowed, thus rendering a divisional application based on claim 9-15 unnecessary. Applicant thus requests rejoinder of claims 9-15 when claims 1 and 2 are allowed.

Claims 1-6, 19 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over JP-U-6-21949 (JP'949). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

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